

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the Specification and claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-13, 15, 16, 18-24, and 26-30 are amended to overcome the objections to claims 1-30 in the July 13 Office Action (hereinafter "Office Action"). The amendments introduce no new matter.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representatives by Examiner Behm in the November 9, 2006 personal interview (hereinafter "Interview"). Applicant's separate record of the substance of the Interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Applicant gratefully acknowledges that during the Interview, Examiner Behm indicated that claims 1-30 appear to contain allowable subject matter. Therefore, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

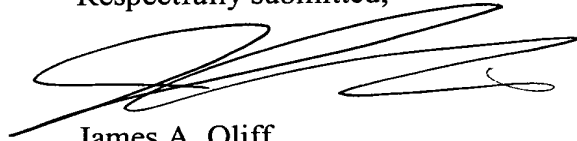
The Office Action objects to claims 1-30 because, according to the Office Action, "a follow-up property" and "a reference property" are not defined in the claims 1, 15, and 23 (Office Action, pg. 2, lines 5-7). During the Interview, the Examiner noted that Applicant may explicitly define "a follow-up property" and "a reference property" in the Specification or the claims to overcome the objections of claims 1-30. In accordance to the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant amends the claims and the Specification to include a transient response property as an exemplary follow-up property, and a reference transient response property as an exemplary reference property. Applicant believes that the amended Specification provides sufficient disclosure for "a follow-up property" and "a reference property" to be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art. For example, Figure 8 and its corresponding disclosure (Specification, pg. 23, line 25 - pg. 25, line 21) disclose that "a follow-up property" includes, for instance, a transient response property, and for illustration purposes, provide embodiments of "a follow-up property" (See, *e.g.*, Fig. 8, curves k2, k3, and k4; Specification, pg. 24, lines 1-2 and 17-19; pg. 25, lines 6-8). Furthermore, Figure 8 and its corresponding disclosure

(Specification, pg. 23, line 25 - pg. 25, line 21) disclose that "a reference property" includes, for instance, a reference transient response property, and for illustration purposes, provide an embodiment of "a reference property" (See, *e.g.*, Fig. 8, curve k2; Specification, pg. 24, line 2 and 18-19; pg. 25, lines 7-8). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection to the claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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